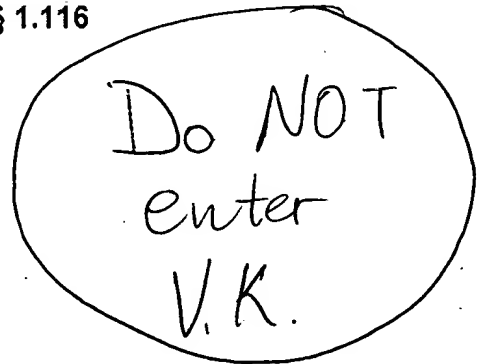


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : S. WATANABE et al. Group Art Unit: 2155
Appl. No. : 09/993,486 Examiner: Vitalia KOROBV
Filed : November 27, 2001 Confirmation No.: 8162
For : SERVER APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ELECTRONIC MAIL
TRANSMISSION CONTROL

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop AF
Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314



Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated July 12, 2006, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on October 12, 2006, with the present response being filed by the two-month due date of September 12, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this Response.